

BELIEVES HE KNOWS RIVER MURDER VICTIM

E. P. Wilson, of Philadelphia, Recognizes Picture in Evening World as That of Tea Drummer Named Cole, of That City, Whom He Saw Saturday

THIS SUPPORTS THEORY OF CORONER'S PHYSICIAN. Latter Maintains that the Body Was Alive as Late as Monday Night and Cotton's Story About Negro Highwayman Cannot Be True.

The mystery of the man whose body was found beneath the Willis avenue bridge on Tuesday and who was supposed to have been murdered by negro highwaymen in a fair way to be cleared up, at least as to the identity of the victim, although in other respects it remains as deep as ever.

E. P. Wilson, a Philadelphia merchant, declares he was a tea drummer of Philadelphia, named Cole.

Mr. Wilson saw the picture of the man in The Evening World and called at this office to say that the man was a Philadelphia.

"I came up to New York on the 5:30 A. M. train last Saturday," he said, "and the man who I am positive is the one whose body was found in the Harlem River was a fellow-passenger. He had been drinking and we had several drinks on the train. He told me his name was Cole and that he was a traveler for a Philadelphia tea house.

"He seemed to be prosperous and was extremely well dressed. His suit was of light gray material of fashionable cut. I noticed that the trousers were creased. Sure He Is Not Mistaken. "I am sorry that my time in the city is so short that I cannot go to the morgue to view the body. I am sure I cannot be mistaken. The man had striking features, and the picture in The Evening World is a speaking likeness of my fellow-traveler. The shape of the forehead, the nose and the mouth and chin, and the expression of the whole face have been caught strikingly. The man was of athletic build, about five feet nine inches in height and weighed, without appearing to be overfat, somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 or 220 pounds. He struck me as a man who would have immense physical strength. I did not notice the color of his eyes, nor was he so blond or dark as to impress me with the color of his hair. I think the identity will be established by a canvass of the tea trade in Philadelphia. For I am sure the river victim who has been puzzling the New York police is my fellow-passenger Cole."

Police Capt. John McNally, of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station, says that the District Attorney may have to discharge the negro prisoners Wilson and Carter, now held on suspicion of having drugged, robbed and murdered the man.

Capt. McNally says that the autopsy by Coroner's Physician Schultze indicates that the river victim was alive as late as Monday night, while the drugging and robbing took to the police by Edward Cotton took place on Friday night last.

Police Say Cotton Has Lied. Investigation by the police tends to confirm the suspicion that Joe Cotton was lying when he told how Wilson and Carter drugged and robbed a white man. Cotton said that his brother Leo was with him at First avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street on last Friday night when Wilson and Carter came up with the clothing and shoes of their alleged victim and offered him \$5 to keep his mouth shut. Leo said to-day that he was sick in bed Friday night, and his statement is confirmed at his boarding house.

Joe Cotton also said that he met Wilson at First avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street on Saturday night and was again offered \$5, which he refused. The police have learned that Wilson moved away from No. 44 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street at 6 o'clock Saturday and had not again been in that neighborhood up to his arrest. Cotton told the police that he and Wilson and Carter and the myriads of white men sat on a heap of piles near the Willis avenue bridge. The police found that the piles pointed out by Cotton had not been unloaded until Monday evening.

SCORE HURT IN ODD ACCIDENT IN THE TUNNEL

Engine Takes a "Flying" Switch, but Is Disabled and Derailed and Its Own Train Crashes in on It, Injuring and Shocking the Passengers.

TRAINMEN JUMP AND SAVE THEIR LIVES. Scene of the Smash-Up Is Only a Few Yards from Where the Horror Occurred Two Years Ago—Mount Vernon Express Was the Train This Time.

By the breaking of a driving-rod on big passenger locomotive No. 1008 after the engine had taken a "flying" switch in the Park avenue tunnel to-day a remarkable accident followed which caused the injury of a score of passengers on the train which the locomotive had just headed upon the tracks approaching the station.

Aboard the train, which was the Mount Vernon Express of the Harlem Division of the New York Central, were nearly 200 passengers, all of whom were shocked by the force of the collision resulting from the forward portion of the train colliding with the disabled locomotive.

Some of the injured. Among the injured are: HOWARD, T. C., Bronxville; bruised and lacerated internally. SANDFORD, C. P., White Plains. GLOVER, W. T., Brewsters; wrist sprained and head cut by flying glass. HOBBS, POLICE COMMISSIONER. Mount Vernon; ankle and back sprained.

DOUGAN, POLICE COMMISSIONER. Mount Vernon; shock, and knee cap injured. JENNINGS, Miss C., Scarsdale; hip injured.

The train had left Mount Vernon at 11:40 and when within a hundred feet of the north side of Forty-ninth street and Park avenue in the tunnel the engine was uncoupled from the train and darted ahead to make the "flying" switch, which would have allowed the train to enter the Forty-second street station under its own momentum. The engine was within twenty feet of the mouth of the switch when with a crash the right-hand driving-rod broke and the jagged ends whirled like a mighty flail. The engine was jolted from the tracks by the downward stroke of the broken rod and careened upon its side, throwing engine and fireman violently to the ground. Immediately in the wake of the overturned engine followed the train which the crew were unable to stop before it had crashed into the disabled engine. The brakeman on the forward part of the train jumped in time to save his life.

Why There Were None Killed. The forward part of the first car was crushed like an egg shell. Fortunately none of the passengers was near the point of impact, but those in the front part of the car were struck by splinters and flying glass and sustained many bruises.

Many of the passengers in the succeeding cars who had arisen from their seats as the train approached the station and were standing were thrown down like nine pins when the shock occurred.

Several women were knocked prostrate and were aided from the cars by the other passengers.

The accident happened within three minutes of the scene of the tunnel disaster of two years ago.

The passengers on the wrecked train to-day complained that they were treated like cattle by the crew after the accident; that they were hustled out of the train and forced to wait for themselves after they were on the tracks in the tunnel.

CAR JUMPS TRACK, THREE INJURED. But None Is Seriously Hurt and All Were Able to Go Home. By the jumping of a trolley car from the tracks of the Union Railway to-day at Eleventh street and White Plains road, Bronx, several persons were injured, but all refused medical attendance and went to their homes.

BASEBALL AND TENNIS, ROWING AND RACING

POOR RACING IN THE MOD AT SARATOGA

Highlander Wins a Most Remarkable Race, Winning from Duelist by Five Lengths and Eased Up Almost to a Walk in the First.

HIMSELF IS BADLY BEATEN BY SURMISE. THE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Highlander (4 to 1) 1, Duelist (15 to 2) 2, Gloriosa 3. Time—1:20 2-5.

SECOND RACE—Surmise (7 to 5) 1, Himself (13 to 20) 2, Time—2:10.

THIRD RACE—Montrose (3 to 1) 1, Golden Drop (7 to 1) 2, Toledo 3. Time—1:14.

FOURTH RACE—Stroller (9 to 2) 1, Vincennes (11 to 5) 2, Setauket 3. Time—1:50 3-5.

FIFTH RACE—Avenger (8 to 5) 1, Duffel (5 to 1) 2, Van Esler 3. Time—1:16 3-5.

SIXTH RACE—Conundrum (walk-over).

(Special to The Evening World.) SARATOGA RACE TRACK, Aug. 7.—There were no stakes at Saratoga this afternoon and the fields were very light. Conundrum having a walk-over in the last. The talent had a very hard time of it. The track was so very bad that horses finished in a very exhausted condition.

Duelist, a hot 7 to 10 chance in the opening event, was badly beaten by Highlander, who ran a most sensational race, being twenty lengths in front at one time and winning in a walk. Himself, an odds-on in the second race, was badly beaten by Surmise, who led all the way and won easily.

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NEW YORK--PHILADELPHIA AT POLO GROUNDS—SECOND GAME.

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BROOKLYN LOSES AT BOSTON—SECOND GAME.

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At St. Louis—End of fourth inning: Cincinnati 1, St. Louis 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. INVADERS VS. WASHINGTON

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At Philadelphia—End of sixth inning: Boston 10, Phila. Y. At Chicago—End of fifth inning: St. Louis, 2; Chicago, 0. At Cleveland—End of third inning: Detroit, 2; Cleveland, 0.

LATE DETAILS—GIANTS-PHILADELPHIA GAME.

Fifth Inning—Babb's error made Dooan safe, and Mertes caught Mitchell. Thomas fanned. Dooan stole second. Gilbert threw Gleason out. No runs.

Browne walked. Roger bounced out to pitcher. Browne stole third. Browne scored on Hulsitt's throw home from McGinn. Mertes hit in center. Babb was hit. Dunn forced McGinn at home. Gilbert walked, forcing in a run. Warner out at first. Two runs.

LATE RESULTS AT ST. LOUIS. Fourth Race—Miss Goughly 1, Stand Pat 2, Astine 3. AT HARLEM. Fourth Race—Golden Link 1, Ceylon 2, Mr. Rose 3.

ENGLISH TENNIS TEAM WINS. BROOKLINE, Mass., Aug. 7.—The Dohertys won the fourth set and the match in the international doubles 6-3. Points 33-26.

ARGONAUTS FIRST AMERICANS LOSE IN HENLEY REGATTA, LAWN TENNIS SET

Canadian Rowing Contest Held Over the New Course Formed by the Old Welland Canal, Near St. Catherine's, Ontario.

ST. CATHERINE'S, Ontario, Aug. 7.—The Canadian Henley regatta was started this afternoon over the new course, known as Catherine Lake, formed in a part of the old Welland Canal. The Senior fours was won by the Argonauts, Winnipeg second. Don third. The singles have created the greatest amount of interest and every one of the many entries is being backed to win. C. S. Titus, the American champion, is the favorite for the event, but the Canadian star, Louis Scholtes, expects to lower the Yankee's colors. Frank Vesely, another New Yorker, is entered, and while he does not claim to be able to defeat Titus, he is confident, nevertheless, of getting second place. Another American who will take part in the race is West, the fast Philadelphia sculler. The regatta will be continued to-morrow.

COONEY RETALIATES BY RAID ON "CLUB." He Had Been Arrested on Complaint of Several Members Who Alleged Oppression.

Police Inspector Kane and Capt. Cooney, of the Long Island City station, broke into an alleged pool-room at No. 29 Borden avenue, Long Island City, this afternoon. Known as the Cottage Athletic and Social Club, which has been a source of annoyance to the police for several months. A short time ago Capt. Cooney was arrested, charged with oppression by members of the club. Magistrate Conover dismissed the charge. To get into the place to-day the police had to use a battering ram. About thirty men were in the rooms. The police had trouble in handling the great crowd that collected about the place during the raid. As the house was completely surrounded, no one escaped.

BASEBALL AND TENNIS, ROWING AND RACING

GIANTS WIN FIRST GAME FROM PHILA.

Mathewson Twirls in Excellent Form and Holds the Visitors Safe, While the Team Behind Him Does Some Good Work in the Field and at the Bat.

TIM HURST BACK AS A REGULAR LEAGUE UMPIRE.

THE BATTING ORDER.

New York. Philadelphia. Brown, rf. Thomas, cf. Brennan, cf. Gleason, 2b. McGinn, lf. Dooan, 3b. Keister, rf. Mertes, lf. Barry, lf. Duffel, 3b. Douglas, 1b. Hulsitt, 1b. Gilbert, 2b. Warner, c. Dooan, c. Taylor, c. Mitchell, p. Umpire—Mr. Hurst.

(Special to The Evening World.) POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The Giants won a close and exciting game here in the first of a double-header by superior batting and Mathewson's great pitching. One inning the white-haired collegian retired the side on strikes, and when it came to the critical moment the Quakers could not garner the necessary hits.

The game was watched by 9,000 fans, who enjoyed every moment and echoed their shouts in a wild chorus. McGinn's lads won out in two innings, Matty starting the fun with a single, followed by singles by Browne and McGinn and a double by Brennan.

The fourth inning Matty again distinguished himself by pasting a two-bagger nearly over the fence. Duggieby was generous in passing men, allowing seven, four of those being to Mertes, of whom the Quaker pitcher seemed to be afraid. Warner and McGinn were the star fielders.

The second game started with a thousand more rosters, while no one left the grounds. Taylor warmed up for New York and Mitchell for the Phillies. It was Tim Hurst's first day at umpiring and he gave moderate satisfaction.

First Inning. Taylor started off wild, throwing a fourth ball for Thomas nearly over the grand stand. Gleason was a victim to Dunn's quick fielding. The Phillies thought Taylor easy, but changed their minds when Wolverton died on strikes. Keister was safe on a slow one that Babb fumbled. Gilbert interfered on Warner's throw to Babb. Keister stealing second and Thomas crossed the plate. Taylor passed Barry. McGinn was out on Dooan's home run. McGinn was not able to touch the ball. One run.

Second Inning. Mertes staggered under Hulsitt's skyscraper. Dunn tried to kick the cover off, but nothing doing. Dooan made a rotten out of Mitchell's pop fly, but Warner made good on the steal. No runs.

Mitchell threw rings around Babb. Barry made a handsome catch of Dunn's. Gilbert singled to short. He stole second. Warner struck out. No runs.

Third Inning. Thomas died on a rap to Gilbert. Kid Gleason was here presented with a gold-handled umbrella and made a speech. He said "Hully gee!" immediately taking a chew of tobacco and flying to the grand stand. Taylor was out. Taylor was out. Taylor was out.

Fourth Inning. Keister was out. Douglas died to center. Browne caught Hulsitt. No runs. McGinn died at first. Mertes singled. He scored on Babb's three-bagger. Mitchell singled. Gilbert walked. Warner singled, scoring Babb and Gilbert. Taylor flied and three runs.

(Continued in Column 4 and 5.) GIANTS, 7; PHILLIES, 5.

(Special to The Evening World.) POLO GROUNDS, Aug. 7.—The first game to-day between the Giants and the Philadelphia resulted as follows:

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23 KILLED IN CIRCUS CRASH

Second Section of Wallace Brothers' Big Show Telescopes the First Owing to the Failure to Apply the Airbrakes and a Frightful Tragedy Is the Result.

TRAINMEN JUMP FOR THEIR LIVES JUST BEFORE COLLISION. Notable Performers and Stars Were on the Rear Coaches of the Second Section, and Escaped—Worst of a Series of Hoodoo Accidents to the Circus This Season.

THE KILLED.

HOWLAND, ANDREW, New York State, canvasser. RICE, ROBERT, residence unknown, harness-maker. SANDS, CHARLES, Peru, Ind., driver. SMITH, GEORGE, residence unknown, blacksmith. ST. CLAIR, HARRY, residence unknown, reserved seat man. THOMAS, G., residence unknown, member of stake and chain gang. THOMP, FRANK, Dundee, Mich., trainmaster of circus. WILSON, JOE, Pittsburg, Ind., unidentified men.

ABRAMS, BOLE, Sandusky, O. MEADOW, W. T., Dubuque, Ia. BARTLEY, GEORGE, Los Angeles, Cal. BARKER, J. J., Anderson, S. C. BENTON, JOSEPH F., New Milford, Conn., internal injuries. PATTERSON, JOSEPH, Grand Forks, Ill. COFFELMEIR, JAMES, Ohio, Ind. FOLEY, JAMES special agent, Detroit. BARKER, C. E., Hammond, Ind. MOSES, JOSEPH, Vassar, Mich. Koons, JOHN W., Bairdstown, O. GILMER, JOHN, Bellaire, O. M'GRATH, BURT, Connellsville, O. COLLINS, JOHN, Des Moines, Ia. ROE, W. H., Armstrong, Ill., internal injuries. BENNETT, STEPHEN, New York City. TILLEY, FRANK, Rising Sun, Ind., hip dislocated, very bad bruises and internal injuries. CLOUGH, GEORGE, Trumbull, O. ANDERSON, JOE, Evansville, Ind. STEWART, J. R., Denver, Col. THOMPSON, JOHN, Peru, Ind. TERRY, G. W., Chicago. KING, J., Portsmouth, O. CADWALLADER, N., Indianapolis. FRISBIE, C. E., Geneva, O. SELLIS, MARSHALL, Chicago. CONNOLLY, E. J., Emmetsburg, O. COULKLIN, HENRY, Binghamton, N. Y.

DURAND, Mich., Aug. 7.—The second section of the Wallace Brothers' Big Circus crashed into the first in the Grand Trunk Railway yards here to-day, killing twenty-three persons and injuring more than a score of others, many of whom will die.

The engineer of the locomotive on the second section declared that the airbrake did not work, but an official statement issued by the company declares that the brake was not applied.

The circus travels in two trains of about thirty-five cars each. After last night's exhibition at Charlotte the two trains left for Lapeer over the Grand Trunk road, the second section leaving a half hour after the first.

It was 3:45 o'clock when the first section pulled into the west end of the Grand Trunk yards here. A red light was hung on the rear car to stop the second section. Engineer Propst, of Battle Creek, who was running the engine of the rear train, says he saw this light and applied the engine of the rear train, says he saw this light and applied the engine, airbrake, but to his horror it refused to work. He reversed his engine, but the momentum of the heavy train behind was too great, and with a crash that aroused all of the town near the yards the two trains met.

FIRST SECTION A WRECK. Three cars of the stationary first section were telescoped and the engine and five cars were demolished. The rear of the first section was a caboose, in which the trainmen were sleeping, and the next two were filled with sleeping circus employees. The greatest loss of life was in the caboose.

One of the wrecked cars of the second section was occupied by five elephants and several camels. One of the elephants and two camels were killed, while the other animals and their trainer escaped. With the exception of this car none of the menagerie was wrecked, the other demolished cars containing canvas or wagons.

As soon as they recovered from the first shock the trainers rushed among the cages, quieting the beasts that were excited. The elephants in the wrecked car behaved with surprising calmness and were led out of the wreck without trouble.

It was a horrifying spectacle that was presented in the gray hours of the early morning, when the trainmen in the yards and the aroused townspeople first reached the scene. Many feared at first that some of the menagerie had escaped as some of the animals could be heard crying. The fire whistle was immediately sounded and the whole town was aroused.

RESCUERS QUICKLY AT WORK. The rescuers could see unfortunates through the tangled wreckage and went earnestly to work without waiting for tools to extricate them. A wrecking crew is kept in the yards here, and it was on the scene in a very few minutes, bringing tools and equipment in plenty. All the physicians and trained nurses in town were sent for, and those in nearby places were rushed to the scene on hand-cars.

The Hotel Richellen was converted into a temporary hospital and scores of volunteers with stretchers were in readiness to carry the injured there as fast as the rescuers could extricate them.

The dead, many of them so terribly mangled that identification seemed well-nigh impossible, were carefully laid on the greensward a short distance from the scene. By 5 o'clock a corps of twelve physicians were operating on the injured and dressing their wounds in the temporary hospital. Four of the injured died at the hospital before 8:30 o'clock.

When the wrecking train crews had finished pulling to pieces the tangled wreckage, the scene was a sight to sicken the bravest.

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